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Matzen and Aderklaa

1. The Matzen and Aderklaa fields are now being operated as separate enterprises.(1) Ossipov has been appointed director of Matzen and Klaptschuk of Aderklaa. The 1951 production quota for both Matzen and Aderklaa has been set at a total of 4,000 (sic) tons.(2)

Zistersdorf

2. Four drill rigs will be installed at Mehlberg for new drillings which are scheduled to start in April 1951. The Soviets are now negotiating with Czech officials regarding the proposed pipeline which will connect the Zistersdorf area with Czech oil fields.(3)
3. The Hohenriddersdorf wells which the Soviets abandoned some time ago have been perforated by the Schlumberger process and are now producing 20 tons of oil per day. Four new drillings will be made at Hohenriddersdorf in the spring.

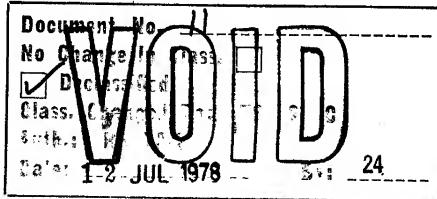
Werksschutz and Security Measures

4. The Soviets are completely reorganizing the SV Werksschutz. It is reported that Soviet political officers feel that the Werksschutz must have additional political training if they are to qualify as shock troops in the event of war. Meanwhile, the Russians have forbidden Austrian gendarmes to enter the oil field areas and have threatened to arrest any Austrian who violates this order.

Crude Oil Delivered December 1950

5. The following figures represent the amount of crude oil pumped from SWV oil fields during the month of December 1950 and do not indicate actual well production.

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<u>SMV Field</u>	<u>Number of Tons of Crude Oil Delivered during December</u>
JTAG	3,394
DEA, Neusiedl	15,810
Muehlberg	49,600
Matzen and Aderklaa	83,700
Van Sickle	4,650
Rohoel A.G.,	Not known

Total Amount Delivered 157,154

25X1A (1) [] Comment: According to estimates prepared by SMV Headquarters, the Soviets lost 5,000,000 schillings during 1950 through careless mismanagement of the Matzen and Aderklaa fields.

25X1A (2) [] Comment: Since Matzen's daily production reached a peak of 2,200 tons of crude oil during August 1950, we assume source's figure means 4,000 tons per day. []

25X1A (3) [] Comment: Source mentioned this pipeline to Czechoslovakia in []
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